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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Thierry DESLANDES, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/392,585

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Examiner: W. Vaughn Jr.

For: PROCESS FOR MONITORING THE CONSUMPTIONS OF FRANKING MACHINES

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2001, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the fourth paragraph of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the drawings contending that the drawings do not show the step of the user entering into the supervision terminal an identifier. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner because this step is clearly shown as Step 100 in Figure 2 of the subject application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner's rejection of claim 1 under § 112 (first paragraph) is equally improper. In a nut shell, the Examiner contends that "it would required (sic.) undue experimentation for one